



ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 1995 – Grant Mayfield

Yankalilla farmer, **Grant Mayfield (RDA, 1955)**, won the prestigious ROCA Award of Merit for “meritorious and outstanding service to agriculture, Roseworthy College, ROCA and the community”.

This award was presented at the annual dinner of the Association in Adelaide in September 1995.

Grant made a significant contribution to pasture production, prime lamb production and cattle management in South Australia for more than 40 years through the running of numerous field days, participating in trials conducted by the Department of Primary Industries and Institute of Medical and Veterinary Sciences.

He also spent five years as Deputy Commissioner of the Animal and Plant Control Commission, was a life member of the Agricultural Technologists of Australasia, and spent three years as Chairman of the Advisory Board of Agriculture.

Grant's interest in agriculture began when he was still at school. He then pursued agriculture as a career at Roseworthy Agricultural College where he completed a Diploma of Agriculture in 1955, and later worked on the College farm as a field officer and demonstrator, teaching students farming techniques until 1957.

In 1957 Grant left Roseworthy and started working on the Fleurieu Peninsula. In 1958 he became Manager of Balquhider Station at Parawa and was well known and respected for his management skills and knowledge of pasture and animal production.

Here he started assisting Roseworthy students and other agricultural teaching organizations by offering his advice, experience and knowledge of agriculture.

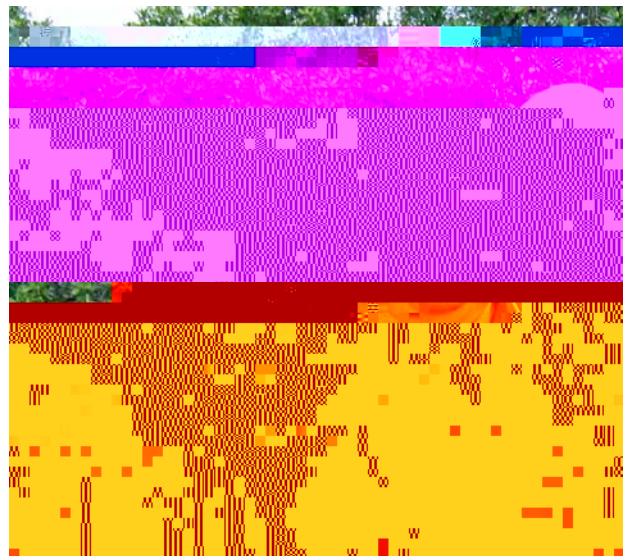
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In 1972 he started managing his own property “Maylands”, at Parawa near Yankalilla. He also became prominently involved with many agriculturally oriented organizations, from service groups to advisory boards and Local Government. He was a member of the Parawa Agricultural Bureau from 1957 and served as both President and Secretary.

He was also involved in the Mount Lofty Review Committee, the Southern Hills Soil Board and the Mount Lofty Ranges Review Steering Committee.



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He was director of Martindale Holdings, one of the pastoral properties owned by the University of Adelaide, and President of the Australian Society of Animal Production's South Australian Branch.

While farming, he conducted numerous pasture trials with the Department of Primary Industries, organised field days on pastures, prime lamb production and cattle management and won many awards for his own stock and pastures.